COIN MEASURES; U.S.-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1914, Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2003; H.R. 2768, John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act; and H.R. 3277, Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act.

The Committee also approved the draft implementing proposal on the United States-Australia Free Trade Implementation Act.

Joint Meetings

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, July 7, 2004.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D632)

H.R. 1086, to encourage the development and promulgation of voluntary consensus standards by providing relief under the antitrust laws to standards development organizations with respect to conduct engaged in for the purpose of developing voluntary consensus standards. Signed on June 22, 2004. (Public Law 108–237)

S. 1233, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center. Signed on June 22, 2004. (Public Law 108–238)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (P.L. 108–148), 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold an oversight hearing to examine passenger screening and airline authority to deny plane boarding, 2 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing from the Department of Defense regarding ICRC Reports on U.S. military detainee operations, 3 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Sub-committee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine security screening options for airports, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine H.R. 2608, to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 2543, to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the state of democracy in Venezuela, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on contractor support in the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Department of Defense small caliber ammunition programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Examining Innovative Health Insurance Options for Workers and Employers," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2929, Safeguard Against Privacy Invasions Act; H.R. 2023, Asthmatic Schoolchildren's Treatment and Health Management Act of 2003; S. 741, Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2004; H.R. 4555, Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 2004; and H.R. 3981, To reclassify fees paid into the Nuclear Waste Fund as offsetting collections, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of Hospital Billing and Collection Practices," 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, oversight hearing on the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following bills: S. 129, Federal Workforce Flexibility Act of 2003; H.R. 3340, To redesignate the facilities of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 and 7748 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "James E. Worsham Post Office" and the "James E. Worsham Carrier Annex Building," respectively; H.R. 4327, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service